

6.1 Barf 4

Images from the walk to the waymarker tree.



From the upward path beside Beckstones Gill, glance over to Slape Crag on the steep southeastern flank of Barf, to locate AW's 'surprise' oak with rowan (centre) at the foot of the rockface.



Ascending towards the middle/upper compartments of Beckstones Plantation, where the old forest road prescribes the present-day felling line; the planting is mixed, but simply, spruce to the left, larch to the right.



The lower plantings on Barf's steep southern edges, descending beside Beckstones Gill, are hybrid larch – displaying brown papery cones with recurved scales and linear leaves with a grey-white underside.



The majority of the higher trees in the plantation are Sitka spruce – displaying hard, flattened, sharply pointed linear leaves with a 4-angled profile, shiny slate-blue-green above and powder blue-white below.



The maturing mix of conifers – larch, pine and spruce.